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INDEX TO RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL LITERATURE, 1949-1952

The eagerly awaited Index to Religious Periodical Literature, 1949-1952 is now ready for sale. Edited under the direction of J. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion, and published by the American Theological Library Association, the Index will be distributed through the American Library Association in the United States and through the ALA representative in England to foreign purchasers. The sale price of the Index is $5.00 for a paper-bound copy and $6.00 for a cloth-bound copy; all orders should be directed to the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The Periodical Index provides a subject and author index to thirty-one periodical titles for the years 1949 through 1952. It also includes a separate index to book reviews in these periodicals. The approximately ten thousand entries are arranged in double columns on the page and the trim size of the page is five and a half by seven and a half inches. The volume has been produced by a photo-lithographic process.

The periodicals indexed are: The Anglican Theological Review, Baptist Quarterly, Biblica, Biblical Archaeologist, Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Christianity and Crisis, Church Quarterly Review, Congregational Quarterly, Crozer Quarterly, Interpretation, Jewish Quarterly Review, Journal of Bible and Religion, Journal of Cuneiform Studies, Journal of Near Eastern Studies, Journal of Pastoral Care, Journal of Religious Thought, Journal of Theological Studies, Lutheran Quarterly, Modern Churchman, Muslim World, Palestine Exploration Quarterly, Review and Expositor, Revue Biblique, Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie Religieuse, Scottish Journal of Theology, Social Action, Studia Theologica, Syria, Theologische Rundschau, Theology Today, and Vetus Testamentum.

The Committee on the Publication of the Periodical Index urges the members of ATLA to publicize the Index among librarians in the university and public library fields, many of whom will undoubtedly want and need to add it to their reference shelves. Summarizing his reactions to a first examination of the Index to the editor of the Newsletter, Dr. Raymond P. Morris, chairman of the committee and Librarian of the Yale Divinity School, writes: "I have just examined a copy of the Index . . . . It is a good job and deserves our commendation and gratitude. The manufacturing is excellent. The letters have come out clear and bright and are easily read. The paper is of good quality and heavy enough to stand up under use. . . . I would recommend to our institutions that they place their orders promptly because I would not be surprised if this edition sold out quickly."

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM, ATLA, CHICAGO, JUNE 15-17
(Host: Chicago Theological Seminary, Mrs. Evah Kincheloe, Librarian)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 (Executive Committee meets at 10:00 a.m.)

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON OPENING SESSION
Worship
Greetings and instructions
Statement of Conference aims
Opening business meeting
Committee Reports (3)
Tea and/or visit to near-campus place of interest

7:30 p.m. - EVENING SESSION
Committee Reports (2)
Paper: "The Historical and Literary Materials of Methodism" (Edward L. Fortney, Librarian, Drew University)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION
Worship
Cataloging and Classification Round Table (three-way)
Committee Reports (concluded)
Second business meeting

2:15 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION (AATS and ATLA)
Joint panel on the theme "The Library in the Life of the Seminary" (Participants: Merrimon Cunninggim, Raymond P. Morris, Jannette Newhall, Walter N. Roberts, Robert F. Beach, Moderator)
Tea with AATS and/or visit to near-campus place of interest

8:00 p.m. - EVENING SESSION
Paper: "The Seminary Librarian as Communicator" (Henry M. Brimm, Librarian, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and President of ATLA)
Worship Discussion on Administrative Problems (Ernest M. White, Librarian, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary; and colleagues)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION
Worship
Workshop discussion on cooperative procedures (Newell E. Davis, Assistant Librarian, Union Theological Seminary, New York; and colleagues)
Closing business meeting

Post-Conference meetings of denominational and other interested groups
Executive Committee meets at luncheon.
Afternoon tours will be arranged for those who wish to visit special placed of interest, including probably the three "new" library buildings west of Chicago.

COMMITTEE ON MICROPHOTOGRAPHY

The Committee on Microphotography has published the following items on microcard:

1. The Proceedings of the ATLA for the first four years, 1947-1950. $2.50.
2. Manschreck, Clyde. A Critical Examination of the Adiaphoristic Controversy in the Life of Philip Melanchthon. (Ph. D. dissertation) Microcard Theological Studies, No. 1.

Mr. Decherd Turner, Jr., chairman of the committee, requests that as many ATLA members as possible place a standing series order for the Microcard Theological Studies. All ATLA microcard publications should be ordered from the Microcard Foundation, Middletown, Connecticut.

In process and soon to be available are two other publications: Gaddis, Elmer Merrill. Christian Perfectionism in America. (Ph. D. dissertation) Microcard Theological Studies, No. 2; and the Biennial Bulletin of the American Association of Theological Schools.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Dr. Henry M. Brimm, president of ATLA, announces the following action of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee, in response to instructions from the Association at its last general meeting in Evanston, has reactivated the Committee on Personnel and Placement. The members of that Committee are as follows: Mrs. Evah Kincheloe, Chairman; Dr. Raymond P. Morris; Dr. L. R. Elliott; Dr. Walter N. Roberts; Ex-officio, the Secretary of ATLA.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Mittelstelle für Mikrokopie in Göttingen has announced plans to make available on microfilm, volumes 1-87 of the Corpus Reformatorum. These volumes consist of:

Melanchthonis Opera Omnia. Edd. C. G. Bretschneider et H. E. Binseil. 28 volumes, Brunsvig, 1834-1860.

Calvini Opera. Edd. G. Baum, E. Cunitz et E. Reuss. 59 volumes, Brunsvig et Berol. 1863-1900.

The price is listed as D. M. 1800. Further inquiries should be directed to Mittelstelle für Mikrokopie, Verlag Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Postfach 437, Göttingen, Germany.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, began using its new library building on September 21, 1953. It was constructed at a cost of $115,000 which was given by the Southern Baptist Convention. The furnishings of light Northern hard birch were the gift of the National Baptist and Women's Auxiliary Conventions, U.S.A., Inc. The library contains, in addition to office and work space for the staff, two reading rooms, two seminar rooms and three floors of stacks which with the reading room shelving will accommodate 50,000 volumes.

The Asbury Theological Seminary Library in Wilmore, Kentucky, hopes to move by summer into new quarters on the ground floor of Estes Chapel which was dedicated on January 27, 1954. The new library space consists of a 117' x 50' reading room, an office and three other adjacent rooms; but even this improved setting is regarded as temporary. Plans are under way for a separate library building as soon as sufficient funds are available.

Construction is progressing on the new library building which will be shared by the Evangelical Theological Seminary and North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. The total cost of the building, equipment and administration endowment will be about $700,000. It is hoped that the structure will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next school term in September, 1954.

The Gordon Divinity School Library in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, recently moved from the basement of the chapel building into newly equipped quarters on the main floor of the seminary's administration building.

The Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, is preparing plans for a new air-conditioned library building on which work is expected to begin soon. Funds totaling $250,000 have been raised for its construction.

The Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, began construction in January of a new building which is to house its library and chapel as well as the seminary offices, classrooms and commons room. Occupancy of the building is anticipated in the fall of 1955. Demolition of the old library building was necessary before construction of the new could begin, so the library is temporarily housed in the men's dormitory and will have to continue to operate there until its new quarters are ready.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Mr. Frederick Lincoln Chenery III was appointed Librarian of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, in August, 1953. Mr. Chenery holds an A. B. degree from Bates College and a B. D. degree from the Yale Divinity School. During the summer of 1953 he attended the Columbia University School of Library Service and in September entered the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Texas in Austin where he is a candidate for the Master of Library Science degree. While attending Yale, Mr. Chenery worked for three years as a cataloger in the Divinity School Library.

The Reverend Norman D. Dow, Jr. became Librarian of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, last September. Mr. Dow holds the B. A. and M. A. degrees from the University of Texas, and the B. D. degree from the seminary which he is now serving. In addition to carrying his library responsibilities, he is also enrolled in the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Texas in Austin, where he is a candidate for the Master of Library Science degree. Since his completion of his seminary training and prior to his assuming his present position, Mr. Dow was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Premont, Texas.

Miss Mabel F. Gardiner, Associate Librarian of Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois, will sail April 21 on the Queen Elizabeth for a six-weeks tour of the British Isles.

Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, Librarian of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, has compiled A Preliminary Checklist of Lexington, Ky., Imprints, 1821-1850 (Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia; $2), a meticulously compiled record of 523 books and pamphlets published in the "Athens of the West" during that period. Mr. Pierson's list extends through 1850 the listing of Kentucky imprints that was started by Douglas C. McMurtrie and Albert H. Allen in their checklists of Kentucky imprints 1787-1820, which were published by the Works Project Administration in 1939 as volumes 5 and 6 of its American Imprints Inventory series.

Mr. Edward C. Starr, Librarian of Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, has just edited and published on behalf of the American Baptist Historical Society the third volume of the Baptist Bibliography covering authors Bin - Bz. He is presently engaged in editing the manuscript for volume four which will cover authors C - Colby.

Mr. Starr has also been asked to serve for the ensuing year on the Religious Books Selection Committee of the ALA which selects the fifty outstanding religious books of the year.

Miss Janet Roberts assumed her duties as Librarian of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, on September 1, 1953. Mr. E. F. George, Miss Roberts' predecessor, is now retired.

Mr. Abraham Tom has accepted an appointment as Assistant Librarian at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California. He took up his new duties on January 18, 1954.

Mr. Tom completed his Bachelor of Divinity work at the Vanderbilt School of Religion and his Master in Library Science at Peabody Library School in Nashville, Tennessee. Until recently he was Assistant Cataloger at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

Miss Margaret Van Raden was married last fall to the Reverend Dayton Van Deusen, a Lutheran minister who is at present serving an internship in the Department of Pastoral Care at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mrs. Van Deusen was at the time of her marriage Librarian of the Theological Seminary at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa. Prior to her acceptance of that position last August she had been Assistant Librarian at Union Theological Seminary in New York for four years. The Reverend and Mrs. Van Deusen are living at 2026 Elizabeth Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Professor Herbert H. Wernecke, Librarian of Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri, has completed the manuscript of his new book, The Revelation of Jesus Christ Through John. The Westminster Press in Philadelphia expects to publish it in the fall of 1954.

POSITIONS OPEN

The Boston University School of Theology will have an opening at the beginning level next summer for a library school graduate who can assist both in cataloging and in circulation. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, Boston University School of Theology Library, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, needs a cataloger at the beginning of the next school term when they will move into their new library building. Interested persons should write to Dr. Harold Heininger, President, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois.

POSITIONS WANTED

Miss M. Lucille Hatch, cataloger, desires a position in the Far West or Southwest preferably. She has a year's training in the School of Librarianship at the University of California and has had three years of experience as cataloger in a small Bible college. Handicapped. Presbyterian background. Address: 91 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena 1, California.

Miss Katherine Skinner desires a position as cataloger, preferably in the East. Training: Columbia University School of Library Service, B. S., 1930. Experience: assistant cataloger, Brookline Public, Brookline, Mass., 1923-29; first assistant cataloger, Brown University, 1930-37; first assistant cataloger, University of North Carolina, 1937-41; senior cataloger, Yale University, 1941-50. Since 1950 she has been serving a four-year appointment at St. Meinrad's Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, setting up a catalog for a library that had never been cataloged and training a permanent staff to follow her. Her background is Episcopalian and she would prefer work in a library of that denomination but does not regard this as a condition. Minimum salary acceptable: $3,600. Address: St. Meinrad's Abbey Library, St. Meinrad, Indiana.

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The Reverend Frank M. Vanderhoof desires a position in a theological library in the Berkeley, California, area beginning in June, 1954. He is at present a candidate for the Bachelor of Library Science degree in June at the University of California School of Librarianship in Berkeley. Previous training: University of California in Los Angeles, A. B., 1941; San Francisco Theological Seminary, B. D., 1944; Columbia University, A. M., 1946; Ph. D., 1952. Previous experience: Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics and Philosophy, Claremont Men's College, 1952-53. Mr. Vanderhoof is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Address: 2709 College Avenue, Berkeley 5, California.

Mr. Otto W. Walter II desires a position as librarian. He is at present working for his Master of Arts in Library Science at the Peabody Library School in Nashville, Tennessee. He has completed one year of study at the Iliff School of Theology in Danver, Colorado, and prefers to complete his seminary training during the first years of his library work. Address: P. O. Box 2203, Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee.

MISCELLANEA

The members of Beta Phi Mu, the graduate library science honorary fraternity, wish to offer membership in the fraternity to all graduates of accredited library schools who meet the scholastic requirements for admission. These are:

(a) Graduation from a fifth-year professional library science degree course which at the time of graduation was accredited by the American Library Association.

(b) A scholastic average of not less than B/, or the equivalent, in the courses offered for the professional library science degree.

Anyone who believes he is eligible for admission and would be interested in being elected to membership in the fraternity should write to Harold Lancour, Executive Secretary, Beta Phi Mu, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana, Illinois, indicating his library school and the date of his degree.

Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, would like the ATLA membership to consider the possibility of raising with the Library of Congress the question of their printing on their cards when pertinent the classification notation of the Union scheme.

Searching of Unfilled Card Orders in the National Union Catalog. Since 1948 LC's Union Catalog Division and Photoduplication Service have offered a joint service through which unfilled orders for printed catalog cards are searched in the National Union Catalog for 15 cents for each entry searched, plus a 5-cent charge for each entry photocopied.

Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, Librarian of the Boston University School of Theology, would like to hear from other librarians who would be interested in securing microcard copies of the annual volumes of the German bibliographical series, Die Theologische Literatur des Jahres--. Communications should be addressed to Dr. Newhall at the Boston University School of Theology Library, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.